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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS AND DISCRIMINATION PROVISIONS OF NEW SECURITY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION

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1. WITH THE PROSPECT THAT THERE MAY BE SOME MILITARY SALES TO UPPER VOLTA, IT IS PRESUMABLY NECESSARY TO RESPOND TO THE HUMAN RIGHTS AND DISCRIMINATION PROVISIONS OF THE NEW SECURITY ASSISTANCE LEGISLATION.

2. WITH RESPECT TO HUMAN RIGHTS, THE RECORD IN UPPER VOLTA IS GOOD. WE ARE NOT AWARE OF ANY TORTURE OR CUREL, INHUMAN OR DEGRADING TREATMENT OR PUNISHMENT OR PROLONGED DETENTION WITHOUT CHARGES. AS FAR AS WE KNOW, THERE IS NOT, AND THERE HAS NOT BEEN FOR SOMETIME, A SINGLE PERSON IMPRISONED FOR POLITICAL REASONS IN UPPER VOLTA.

3. THERE ARE NO DISCRIMINATORY PRACTICES IN THE COMMERCIAL SPHERE AT PRESENT (REF C) AND THERE IS NO REASON TO EXPECT THAT ANY WOULD EMERGE IN ARMS SALES TRANSACTION.

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